February 2026 Newsletter

Lost Property:
A reminder to all parents to ensure all clothing that is brought into nursery school has your child's name in it.

Nursery Clothes:
Can you please send in a full spare set of clothes for your child. We are having to use nursery clothes to change children into, and rarely getting the clothes back, and we cannot afford to keep buying spares. Also, a reminder to return any clothes that your child has been sent home in, otherwise we may need to start charging parents for unreturned items that need replacing.

Extras:
We offer a breakfast club, where you can drop your child off at nursery at 8am and we will give them a light breakfast of toast or cereal. They will then join the regular session at 8.30am. The cost of this is £3.00 per day.
If you are interested on either of these, please let Sarah in the school office know – bursar@chalveyeyc.slough.sch.uk

World Book Day:
Thursday 5th March 2026 is World Book Day, and we will be celebrating by inviting children to come to nursery dressed as their favourite book character. A voluntary donation is welcome and will go towards the end of Summer celebrations. All children will be given a £1 book voucher.

Parent Consultations:
This term's parent chat's will be taking place on Wednesday 25th March 2026. As all staff members will be involved, the nursery will be closed to the children on this day.
You will shortly be given the times available for you to choose. As timings are tight, please ensure you arrive on time, so that you have the full allotted time to chat with the keyworker.

Reception Place:
For those children due to leave us in July, you should hear about their Reception place offer around 16th April 2026. Any questions, concerns or issues should be directed straight to Slough Borough Council's School Admissions Team. The Nursery have no involvement in this process.

Last Day of Spring Term:

Friday 27th March 2026 is the last day of our Spring Term. We will be running shorter, adjusted session times on this day.
AM children's session time will be 8:30am to 10:30am
PM children's session time will be 11:00am to 1:00pm

30hr children can do 8:30am to 1:00pm, or choose to finish at 10:30am with the AM children. There will be no option to stay later than 1:00pm on this day. Please let me know which option you will be going with, so we can make sure any early leavers are ready to go.

Parent Donations:

We welcome donations of flour for making playdoh, porridge oats for early writing skills, and boxes of tissues. Thank you to those parents who have already contributed.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 13th February 2026	Last Day of Spring 1
Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026	Half Term – Nursery Closed
Monday 23rd February 2026	Start of Spring 2
Thursday 26th and Friday 27th February 2026	INSET Days – Nursery Closed
Wednesday 25th March 2026	Parent Consultations – Nursery Closed to Children
Thursday 26th March 2026	Easter Rhyme Time
Friday 27th March 2026	Last Day of Spring 2 – Shorter Session Times
Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026	Half Term – Nursery Closed
Monday 13th April 2026	Start of Summer 1
Wednesday 22nd April 2026	Farm Visit to Nursery
Wednesday 13th May 2026	Balance Bikes Activity Day
Friday 22nd May 2026	Last Day of Summer 1
Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026	Half Term – Nursery Closed
Monday 1st June 2026	Start of Summer 2
Wednesday 17th June 2026	Reptile Visit to Nursery
Friday 3rd July 2026	Summer Garden Party – Parents Invited – Details to Follow
Wednesday 8th July 2026	Parent Consultations – Nursery Closed to Children – Details to Follow
Tuesday 14th July 2026	Summer Rhyme Time
Friday 17th July 2026	Last Day for Children – Shorter Session Times

What have we been doing?

This half term we have been enjoying the story of '*Goldilocks and the Three Bears*', which has given the children a wonderful starting point for lots of exciting learning across the nursery.

In our creative area, the children have been investigating a range of different textures linked to the story, using their senses to talk about how things feel and creating their own textured pictures of the bears. They have also been busy painting their bears and talking about the different features. We have also been busy making our own playdough by following a simple recipe, encouraging the children to measure, mix and talk about changes they could see and feel.

The children have loved retelling the story in the construction area, where they worked together to build beds for the three bears using different sized bricks. This supported their understanding of size, problem solving and imaginative play as they retold the story with the help of story maps. They also built homes for the bears, carefully choosing the right size bricks and shapes to match each bear's size.

Outdoor learning has been just as exciting. In the garden, the children went on texture hunts, searching for and talking about different materials they could find in the garden. In the mud kitchen, they made their own "porridge" using different sized bowls, linking again to the story while developing their role play, mathematical and language skills.

We have also been exploring rainwater, looking at how we can collect it using different containers and discussing what happens when it rains. This has sparked lots of curiosity and great conversations about the world around us. The children continue to be excited by learning in the outdoor area and exploring the world around them.

During the rest of February, we will be exploring different festivals that are happening like Shrove Tuesday and Chinese New Year, where the children will take part in many different activities to see how different cultures celebrate these special days.

The safeguarding of children is of the utmost importance.
If you have any cause for concern, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Team:

Miss Lister – Safeguarding Lead
Miss Hualde – Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mr Siddiqui – Safeguarding Governor